



THE CYCLE

VOL. 5 NO. 3

FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE STUDENT NEWSPAPER

OCTOBER 20, 1972

SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS

FALL OF 1972

Freshmen Officers -

President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, Four Representatives to the Student Council One representative to Commuter's Board



Vacant Positions in S.G.A.

One Sophomore Class Representative, Vice President of Commuter's Board, Editor-in-Chief of the CYCLE



SCHEDULE

Nomination Papers
Campaigning
Candidate's Night
In B. S. Auditorium
Elections

October 20 to October 27
October 30 to November 3
November 2
November 2, 7:30 p.m.
November 8 and 9

Elections will be held in the Thompson Hall lobby from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.



Grand Prize



To Be Won In

The Flyicide Contest

The Cycle is sponsoring a contest to see who can annihilate the most flies. That's right! It's a FLYICIDE CONTEST. The rules are as follows:

1. Kill as many flies as you can find in the Commuter's Lounge between October 23rd and 27th.
2. Collect the dead flies and put them in an envelope.
3. Put your name and box number on the envelope.
4. Send the envelope to the Cycle, the deadline is October 27th.

In the next issue we will announce our grand winner who will receive our GRAND PRIZE.
SO, AVID FLY ANNIHILATORS START SWATTING!!!!!!



COMMUTER'S BOARD

WHERE ARE YOU???



by YVONNE LA-GARDE

What is equipped with food, friends, and FLIES?

Answer: THE COMMUTER'S LOUNGE... Sure, the Lounge offers comforts such as food and music, it's facilities are welcomed and badly needed, but I question the comfort and the need of the FLY. Flies are everywhere, they nest in the ashtrays, clean-out your ears and perform on your nose. The Lounge was attacked, is being besieged and is soon to be conquered. I agree that they probably outnumber us, but that doesn't mean we are to be defeated. The Board must be aware of the invasion, so why don't they do something about it NOW.

They have many problems and responsibilities to cope with but I don't think it would take a great deal of time or effort to obtain fly tape and have it hung from the ceiling. At least they can make an attempt to alleviate the situation. Why haven't they done something? Are they afraid the weight of the flies on the fly paper will rip down the ceiling? If the Board isn't going to supply the Lounge with fly traps, they can at least make fly swatters available to the students. Commuter's Board, consider the plea of this damsel in distress because she is sick and tired of having her legs FELT-UP BY FLIES.....



Editorial

Another great example of student interest! Two full pages were given to the possibility of calender changes. What happened to the 1060 or more people who voted?? A formal invitation was entered in the last Cycle and I must say there was a great turnout at the All-College Meeting itself. As far as invited members were concerned, two students showed up! Since they were both from the Cycle staff, it became "bitch on Cycle time."

At a calender committee meeting which I attended earlier, the same type of "cutting" began. Why must people pick out supposedly "bad" articles without giving credit to the good? We are not slaves to the F.S.C. population, the Cycle is the voice of the students. People send in things to be printed and they are entered, but we the Cycle staff, are also people and students so we have a right for opinions expressed!!

A special thanks goes to the remarkable number of students voicing their opinions at the meeting. Thanks Jim and Connie.

D.J.

"S.G.A. Report. The Budget"

by ALICE SEAGULL

Cheers! The Student Government Association budget for the year 1972-73 has finally been authorized. Due to several problems; (1) our previous treasurer had dropped out of school at the end of the summer leaving us without a budget that had been worked on by him and the Administration and (2) the figures we had been working with and those which the Administration had were quite far apart (these two problems just to name a few), it was a long and difficult job to try and get the budget into shape. However the Financial committee did a really great job of getting a workable budget made out. Dr. Durant should be thanked too for being very helpful, both he and the committee had to sit through some long hours of work in order to get a good budget out.

Listed, the reader should see three columns; the first is the figures of the budget from last year--\$63,485.00. Of this figure some \$5,000.00 was left (total figure) from all the various groups at the end of the year. This goes into the prior-year carrover fund from which bills are paid over the summer. The middle column represents the ORIGINAL figure asked for by the various groups for this years' budget. The reason I emphasise original is because before we came up with our final revision of the requests, in other words our budget of this academic year. Throughout the year S.G.A. will be making regular financial reports to the college community. However if anyone has any questions concerning the budget please contact any member of S.G.A.

A. OPERATION:	ALLOTED 1972-1973	ORIGINAL 1972-1973	FINAL 1972-1973
a. S.G.A. office expenses	\$2,670.00	\$1,825.00	\$1,825.00
b. S.G.A. contingency	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
c. S.G.A. conference	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
d. S.G.A. A-C-Picnic	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
e. S.G.A. handbook	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
f. S.G.A. concert fund	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$7,000.00
g. S.G.A. scholarships	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
h. S.G.A. orientation	\$2,000.00	\$2,610.00	\$1,610.00
i. S.G.A. lawyer	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	-----
j. S.G.A. social	\$2,500.00	23,250.00	-----
k. S.G.A. Cultural events	\$12,000.00	16,385.00	24,000.00
l. Publications	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	-----
m. Installation banquet	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
n. Pregnancy counseling	\$-----	\$1,500.00	-----
o. Traveling expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
p. Secretary	\$ 700.00	\$1,780.00	\$ 500.00
B. ORGANIZATIONS			
a. Cycle	\$6,900.00	\$7,857.00	\$7,757.00
b. Yearbook	\$5,000.00	12,000.00	\$8,000.00
plus contingency	\$2,000.00		
c. Theatre workshop	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
d. Choral arts	\$4,300.00	\$6,200.00	\$4,500.00
e. Band	\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00	\$2,675.00
f. Debate	\$1,890.00	\$3,756.00	\$2,256.00
g. L.I.V.E.	\$1,950.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,000.00
	\$63,485.00	103,868.00	\$73,673.00

****Social Committee and Cultural events have been combined into one committee with a budget of \$24,000.00.

Alice Seagull, President S.G.A. 72-73
Steven Finer, Treasurer S.G.A. 72-73

WANT ADS

REWARD: DEAD OR ALIVE (preferably dead) five cents will be paid for every fly caught/ or killed in the Commuter's Cafe. NOTE - This would be an excellent way for clubs, organizations or individuals to earn unlimited funds.

WANTED FOR RESIDENT STAFF OF HHH:

Experienced male Caucasian over 6 feet, approx 225 lbs. no acne! or BO! Preferably independently wealthy. Willing to cooperate in various fun and games. Send photo and resume. Discretion assured.

Reply Box 1056

Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, it has been a month and still no answer from our beloved book-store. Why not? I made a reasonable request concerning the "how and why" of over-priced books and none of the bookstore officials bothered or cared to give an answer.

Here is some food-for-thought: the day after I turned in my first letter to the editor, I bought a book, MAN THE STATE AND WAR, by Waltz. I paid \$2.95. When I got home I removed the price tag and found the price printed on the cover of the book to be \$2.45! Now this is only a small paper-back. I wonder what the mark-up is on a \$12.00 text?

So, all I can say to the bookstore officials is: if I am wrong, prove it; if you are wrong remain silent like you have been.

Jack Pelletier

Jack-

Through you I will ask for an answer regarding the book prices. Either the manager is not reading the paper or he's just ignoring you. How about it, Bookstore?

D.J.

TO THE EDITOR:

Concerning a letter on the editorial page of the October 16th Cycle-Cultural Events had NOTHING to do with the "Black Oak Arkansas" concert last year. If you'd take the time to find out who sponsors what, you'd know that Social Comm. sponsored all the concerts. Cultural Events had no part in these at all. We sponsored only the Thursday night events.

This year we will be sponsoring these because C.E. and Social have merged but last year we did not have this association. Next time check before you accuse. O.K.?

Patsy Townsend
Chairman Cultural Events

Oct. 6, 1972

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your reply to Yvonne LaGarde in the October 6 edition of the Cycle. You made a number of mistakes in your answer to her and I feel that they must be corrected. First, the picnic was the annual all-college picnic sponsored by SGA not by Cultural Events. Second, the concert that was held after the picnic was sponsored by the Social Committee not by Cultural Events. Cultural Events has not sponsored a rock concert of that type since its beginning on campus. Third, the technical problem was not that of the provision of sound equipment, the problem was the lack of enough electrical power with which to run the amplifiers. Fourth, rarely does a group appear at a college without a firm and definite contract agreement. The problem here was the vouchers had not been turned in early enough so that the checks would be ready. Dave Lacamera, booking agent with which Social Committee had booked Black Oak Arkansas, was asked by the Social Committee chairman to speak with the manager of the group. He guaranteed the group that his company, Lordly and Dame Inc. of Boston, would guarantee payment. I, then stage manager for Cultural Events was at the concert from the beginning working back stage. Other members of the Cultural events staff and the Social Committee staff were there.

I agree with you that there was a fiasco, however, it was not Cultural Events fault. We have and always will check I.D.s and keep outsiders out. We also ask that the student body help us by not smoking or drinking during our shows or student sponsored concerts. Thank you for your time.

Yours,
Richard M. Paula
Co-chairman of Cultural Events/
Social Committee.

To Rick and Patsy especially-

All my information entered in that answer to Yvonne was given to me at a meeting with Dr. Durant and his two assistants, Dean Keenan and Dean Fitzgibbon. Sorry for the mistakes but I thought they were justified.

D.J.

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter that you printed last issue about Herlihy Hall....

If anyone on this campus thinks that there's any good in hell please let me know where I can find it. That den of Iniquity across the street from the campus could use an atom bomb for remodeling, not only on the actual structure but also the occupants.

It isn't so much the cracked walls or the missing screens, but the wild screaming and deafening music can get annoying especially when it's heard all the way over at Behavioral Science Hall. Why if one manages to carry a big enough stick he shouldn't get mugged or she shouldn't get raped. If you're liked over there, you can expect to find yourself feeding half the dorm and their relatives. Now if not liked, well you've a problem.

continued on page 3

CYCLE STAFF

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: David L. Johnson

PHOTOGRAPHER John George

MANAGING SECRETARY:..... Connie Strong

BUSINESS MANAGER:..... Jim DiBella

CAMPUS NEWS:..... Wendy Hood

FEATURES:..... Dave Mooney

SPORTS: Yvonne LaGarde

LAY-OUT COMMITEE:..... Dede Kneer Terri Swift
Jim DiBella Wendy Hood

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:..... Yvonne LaGarde

REPORTERS:

Mary Fenton, Sandra Martin, Maureen McCarthy, Michelle Morin, Todd Goodwin, John Heintz, John George.

letters continued

Open Lunch Sessions

AN APPEAL TO CIVIC MINDED MALES

I suppose there's some mystique about living in a National Disaster Area or the City Dump, so you can imagine what it must be like living at Herlihy. Believe me, Atilla the Hun and his barbarians has nothing on these boys. They can outscare, outscare and outpillage anything he ever tried.

Remember....Today Fitchburg, tomorrow the state and maybe the day after, the world!

Sincerely yours,
Bravado!

Bravado-

The letter printed last issue was asking for more female visitors at the boys' dorm. I think you just blew it.

D.J.

Dear Editor,

What has gotten into F.S.C. students to make them so inconsiderate. Since most of us are all going into teaching don't you think we should be practicing what we will be preaching. What makes us so good that we have flagrant regard for the cleanliness of our classrooms here at F.S.C. and the fire laws. In one of my classes, at B.S., the place looks like a Marlboro cigarettes commercial. I guess some of the butt fiends cannot wait till after class, so everybody lights up when they get at class and they chain smoke right through class till I don't care what the instructor is saying, I just want to get out and breathe some fresh air again. It is not only that though. They also make me sick with their dirty habits. They drop the ashes on the floor and grind the butts into the floor and leave them there. This is ugly. do they do it at home, I wonder. The classrooms were waxed and shiny in September, now they are fast beginning to look like Marlboro Country. Why don't everybody have a little consideration and wait till after class to have a butt, you might live that much longer.

S.M.

S.M.?

It's evident by your style of writing and use of grammar that the smoke has definitely gotten to you. Are you a student here or a sit in from elementary. Why don't you gripe to the professor? There are fire laws and it's positive that we must do something before more people catch your disease.

D.J.

In the last Cycle, it was noted by another student that every college has it's share of assholes and greasers. When applied to F.S.C., this becomes a gross understatement. If one is fortunate enough to get away from F.S.C. for a weekend and visit a real college like U. Mass., then you would find out what fun college life can be. The difference is not in the size of the colleges, but in the attitudes of the students. At U. Mass. and most other colleges, frat men and jocks are laughed at and barely tolerated, at F.S.C., they are held in awe. At U. Mass. a typical student conversation might involve politics, music, astrology, etc., at F.S.C. student conversation is limited to what kind of beer will be served at the next frat party. There are many F.S.C. students who know what is really going on in the world besides beer drinking, but you will have a hard time finding them because they know better than to stick around here. Although frats are dying out everywhere else, they know that F.S.C. will never change. I welcome a typical F.S.C. reply.

R.R.

TO THE EDITOR

I submitted a letter to you in the last edition of the Cycle. I got your response but the thing that surprised me the most was the OTHER RESPONSE. It was by someone or something called "Chasha Channa." Since then I have found out this is a pen name for a person. I have also found out who this person is. I would like to point out that this person is not you. This means that some one else is reading "The Letters to the Editor" before the editor himself is reading them. If my letter had a postage stamp on it, this would be a federal offense. How can you as Editor, run the Cycle effectively if people keep on putting their little hands on Cycle material before it goes to print.

As to Chasha Channa: I notice that you were quick to specifically point me out among the students. Could this be because I wasn't afraid to sign my name to the letter. You wrote two articles in the Cycle and didn't sign your name to either, what are you afraid of? Instead of blaming S.G.A. for not being in their offices when they are needed, you blame the students for not going to the S.G.A. meetings on Tuesday nights. As for the council members being overloaded with school work, if they can't stay in the position and do a good job they should leave. You yourself should know how important good representation is. I noticed that you included me in a group of students who don't like to work but like to complain. Well since you know so much about S.G.A. then you must know that I am waiting for their decision as to whether or not I can run for Freshmen President.

J.G.

J.G.

Little hands did creep into my basket, but never again! Finished articles which are in my basket are typed and PRIVATE. They only become public in the paper. Therefore Chasha, watch where your hands go, your next present may not be a gem.

D.J.

STUDENT OPINION

After one month plus of classes this semester, I find myself extremely discouraged with the psychology department. Not only are the teachers boring and mindless, but they insist on giving exams with questions that are practically straight from the book, require note memorization, and show absolutely no interest or work on the part of the teacher.

Last year I was required to put up with the crazies of the math department and all the abstract material that they alone understood, but were totally incapable of conveying to the students. This problem was nearly the reason for my not returning to school this fall, but being a person who has faith in what is to come, I returned hopefully only to be turned off by another course with no interest. If I sound bitchy and unreasonable, it may be interesting to note that I have personally asked those around me for their feelings on this topic and I found that many (too many!) have similar views.

I believe that teachers should be evaluated by their students often and the results be made known to faculty and administration alike. This way they would not be allowed to go on in a dream world about the success of their course.

Open Lunch Sessions what are they all about? Keep reading and you'll get the message. This year the Jr. Trainees of the Special Education dept. are running Open Lunch Sessions for all those interested in coming. We are having speakers come and talk about current situations of learning and about vital fields which are related. No, these are not going to be some guy just spouting off; but professional people who know what they are talking about and who will be able to answer our questions without using an obstacle course as a guide.

You say fine, but I don't care about Special Education and that's what it will all be about, RIGHT? WRONG!!! It will be about any subjects related to education and any faculty is more than welcome to come and talk. Also any student who has something to contribute is very welcome. Some of you are saying well students are not professionals and what do they know? So far, students have spent between 12-16 years in school who says you need a degree to be a professional. As long as you have the knowledge then you are a professional.

Through all of this we are hoping to unite all professional and develop a better understanding between all and the new programs, laws, and news around us.

Our first meeting or Open Lunch Session will be held October 18, at 1:00-2:00 in Edgerly 306. Our guest will be Mr. Richard Cossi who is Director of Special Education in Leominster. He will talk about the new market we must face and what it will be looking for as far as qualifications as teachers. We hope a great deal of professionals will come and give your opinions as well as listen and comprehend. Please if you have not eaten you may bring your lunch it is an Open Lunch Session you know. For those in the dorm, just pick up a bag lunch from Mr. Moran in the morning and please sign your name and number. Hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,
the Jr. Trainees

P.P.S.

If you have any new ideas or topics of interest, please send them to Patty Black; Liz Crowley; Bruce McCarthy; or Rick Paula. All we need to know is when you are available, what your subject is and most of all who you are and how to get in contact with. Thank you once again.

"Idiots Playtime Fund"

When this country was still in diapers, "taxation without representation" was a saying that explained an existing condition of that time. Today in Herlihy Hall there exists a similar condition. It concerns the twenty-five dollar damage deposit each resident is required to pay before he moves in. This deposit covers not only the damage that I might do but also that which is done by anyone else. So after Herlihy lost its windows last year my deposit dwindled. Perhaps it should be called a dorm damage bill! And for what?

It all narrows down to my paying for the damage done by some drunken slob who has his sickly fun and doesn't take the responsibility for his erratic actions.

When I came back this year (which was a totally foolish move), I was required once again to put twenty-five dollars into the "Idiots Play Time Fund."

I think that Tom Murin had better get his ass in gear concerning this issue or he will find that more residents than he will care to think about will start getting their money's worth in windows.

Anyone care for a game of tennis against the front of the dorm?

David

This article is an appeal to civic-minded male students on campus. Do you enjoy doing service for others? Do you want to improve your leadership capabilities? Do you believe that work can actually be fun? Then the organization for you is Alpha Phi Omega (A.P.O.).

A.P.O. Chapters are chartered on over 520 campuses; more than any other fraternity in the country. The membership now exceeds 160,000 members and it is the only national service fraternity in the country.

The official purpose of the organization is "to develop leadership; to promote friendship; to provide service to the campus, community and country; and to further the freedom that is our National, educational and intellectual heritage." Put simply the purpose is to commit yourself to help others.

Now that you have some idea of the fraternity and its ideals, several questions may enter your mind. The first such question might be something like, "Why should I join A.P.O.?"

If you enjoy giving a helping hand to others but somehow you find no "others" to give a helping hand. Join A.P.O. We'll find the others for you to help.

Through community work and campus projects you will be able to develop your leadership ability.

Another question that may arise is, "What kind of work does A.P.O. do?"

That question can be answered by just describing a few of our projects. Some of you may remember our past projects, the book exchange. Although some of you may not realize it, there is a ski slope opening this winter near the athletic field of the Wallace Civic Center, which was built by A.P.O. for use by the college community.

We have also participated in a joint project with the M.I.T. Chapter in Boston for the Easter Seal Society. We've done work for hospitals, churches, and various other organization that requested our help.

A third question you might ask could be: "What are the requirements for membership?"

A.P.O. allows freshmen to pledge. All you need to do is show an earnest desire to be of service to others. When you do decide to join A.P.O., all that is required is that you go through a trial brotherhood for approximately seven weeks. This serves a dual purpose, it helps you to decide whether or not Alpha Phi Omega is the organization you want and it also helps the present brothers see if you really show an earnest desire to help.

If you desire to join our fraternity you can get in touch with Charles Corley, Mailbox number 231, President; Ken William, Vice President, mailbox number —; John Nott, second Vice President, mailbox number —; or Ken Stevens, Treasurer, mailbox number 1054. You may also see Dr. Bernstein in the Psychology Department, one of our advisors. Also be sure to keep your eyes on the Bulletin Boards for notices of A.P.O. meetings for prospective brothers.

PERSONNELS

Dear Joe in the Maroon and Gold:

All is fine. Thanks for the advice and sympathetic ear. If circumstances had been different, I would have liked to meet you.

Thanks,
Ann

to frog eyes,
go back to your lilly pad!!

signed,
body beautiful

Prince Charming where are you?? ? ?

Cinderella is waiting....
Box 608

SCRIMSHAW

FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE'S LITERARY MAGAZINE WELCOMES ALL CONTRIBUTIONS OF POEMS, STORIES, PLAYS AND PICTORIAL ART. LEAVE MANUSCRIPTS AND MATERIALS IN ENGLISH OFFICE, CARE OF BERRYMAN.

FSC Band Preparing For Exchange Concert

With Salem State College Band



Director Patterson explains a passage to the woodwinds.

The Fitchburg State College Concert Band will play host to the Salem State College Band in a gala Music Exchange Concert to be held on Tuesday, November 14 in Weston Auditorium. The Concert, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will feature individual performances by both Bands and conclude with a collection of combined numbers. More than 100 musicians from FSC and SSc will participate in this event. The FSC Band will return the Exchange by traveling to Salem for a performance in the Spring.

Other concerts now scheduled for the Band include Winter and Spring Concerts on campus and a return Exchange concert at North Adams State College along with the FSC Concert Choir. The FSC Band, after touring Europe last year, is exploring the possibility of a tour to Canada this spring.

FSC students and faculty on all levels of performing ability are cordially invited to participate in Band. We now number more than 65 members and would like to expand even more. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m. in Weston Auditorium.



Former Band president Mary Southard enjoys an Alto Clarinet solo section.

JOIN US!



The 65- piece F.S.C. Band rehearsing for their coming exchange concert with Salem State.



Band Officers take time out from a busy rehearsal for a mug shot: They are (left to right) Malcolm Farwell, Manager; Linda Conroy, Secretary; Sirkku Eskelinen, Treasurer; Vickie Young, Vice-president; Lena Puliafico, Librarian and Carl Mountain, President. (Lorna Chester, Librarian was absent during the picture taking.)

MUSIC PRODUCTIONS
in association with
LOWELL TECH SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Presents

*** Steve Miller Band ***
plus
Pearls Before Swine

Lowell Tech Gym
Tuesday
October 24 At 8:00 PM
Admission:
advance—\$3.00 at the door—\$4.00

Ticket Outlets:

LOWELL TECH LOWELL STATE ST. ANSELMS
MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE RIVIER COLLEGE
MERRIMAC COLLEGE FRAMINGHAM STATE

MUSIC PRODUCTIONS 739 BOYLSTON ST. BOSTON, MASS. 02116
262-6666

All College Council

The All-College Council will conduct its regular meeting on each Wednesdays from 3 to 3 p.m. throughout the academic year. These meetings will be conducted in the Oval Room located in Miller Hall.

The STANDING COMMITTEES of the All-College Council have established the following meeting dates:

Executive Committee-Monday 11:00 a.m. All -College Council Office Miller Hall

Communications & Mondays 1:00 p.m. All-College Council Office Miller Hall
Relations Committee

Long Range Planning Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. All-College Council Office Miller Hall
Committee

Educational Affairs Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. All-College Council Office Miller Hall
Committee

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Calendar Committee Friday 9:00 a.m. All-College Council Office Miller Hall

Goals & Objectives Thursday 8:30 a.m. All-College Council Office Miller Hall

Mondays

Watch For
John Sebastian

AUTHORITY THREE

by SAM ALONE

Late last Thursday night, I was having a stimulating conversation with my roommate, Fran Fresh.

"Just think," I yawned, "Our grandchildren will never know that Columbus was born on October twelfth, and not the first Monday of the month."

"Wait a minute," Fran woke up. "Columbus Day isn't Columbus' birthday! It's the day he discovered America."

"No it isn't," I got up and opened Sherry Draw's door. "Hey, Sherry, what was October the twelfth?"

"Yesterday," she mumbled sleepily. "Hmmm," I glanced at my watch. "She's right, Fran. It's exactly one o'clock a.m. Friday."

"Friday the thirteenth!" she supplemented.

And at exactly one a.m. Friday the thirteenth, the lights went out in Authority Three. A chorus of acidulous articulation, bordering on blasphemy, reverberated through our suite.

Reacting with reporters' instinct, I grabbed a pad and pencil and ran out the door. When I was half-way down the stairs, I realized that my reporters' instinct had provided me a direction, but not a destination. Stopping by the front desk, I asked a girl, "What's the story?"

"The lights went out," she replied. "May I quote you?"

"Certainly," she smiled. "But I prefer to remain anonymous."

After that brief but informative interview, I thought I might get a better story at High Rise. As I stepped out the door, I could feel an aura of Halloween. Streetlamps stood sullenly in the lush darkness. I shuddered and hurried on: but I felt little relief

when I approached the dorm. In the upper floors, a pale orange glow loomed behind the black shadows that clustered in the windows. Below, in the lobby, flickered a foreboding light. The front desk was adorned with the fragile illumination of many small candles. It reminded me of a medieval ceremony in which a similarly lighted altar was used to summon up the devil. For a moment, I stood in palpitating silence. From above came a break in the mute nigritude:

"We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow,....!"

Before the second chorus ended, I was sideswiped by an assemblage of over-aged trick-or-treaters.

"Hey, where ya going?" I demanded.

"We're going to find out what happened!" they shouted. I watched for a minute as the girls trooped up Pearl Street. Most of them were in night clothes. A few had jackets. Some wore bathrobes. A couple had apparently just jumped out of bed and joined the procession. It was an odd group to say the least, but what can you expect at 1:15 a.m.?

"What do you think it was?" I asked one girl.

"A flying saucer," she responded. "I saw the whole thing from my window."

"Yeah, we all see it," chimed in the rest of the group.

"The fire engines went down this street," the first girl pointed straight down the road.

"No!" exclaimed her entourage. "This way!"

"No, she's right, it went down there," countered a few stragglers.

"Is that you, Mary?" All eyes were directed to a second floor apartment and the dark figure standing on the porch.

"Yeah," answered the first girl, "Is everybody up there awake?"

"Yeah, come on up." The crowd divided; half returned to the dorm, and half went upstairs with Mary. I decided to check out the apartment for fresh leads.

"We heard an explosion," one of the girls in the apartment told me. And then there was a blue flash. After that the cruiser and fire engines came."

I thanked them all for their cooperation with the press and left. Once I was outside and alone again, the suggestion of flying saucers didn't seem so funny. I ran back to High Rise.

A girl came to the door and let me in. "Why aren't the emergency lights on?" I asked her.

"They don't work." That seemed like a reasonable answer, but I pressed the subject.

"Why don't they work?"

"Don't ask me. They were supposed to have the system checked out in September, why don't,...."

"Listen, I don't know. I just know what they said."

Perhaps I should have asked who "they" were, but the girl had walked away.

I roamed through the rest of High Rise, talking to the girls who were still awake. Altogether, they formed a story that went something like this:

"We heard an explosion...."

"...The lights flickered, and we thought there must be a fire or something...."

"....then the lights went out completely...."

"....The entire sky flashed with a pretty royal-blue color...."

"....then there was a smaller flash, like lightning...."

"We could see from our window that

there had been some kind of accident...."

"...the fire engines and police cars were there...."

"....It's the most exciting Friday I've had in Fitchburg."

Even with this pad of notes I'd collected, I still wasn't sure of what had happened at the accident. There were plenty of rumors, though--the least of which was about flying saucers.

A brilliant idea came to me. I'd listen to the radio and find out the facts. (My reporters' instinct told me this was not the way Walter Winchell started.)

I rushed back to Authority to borrow a radio and catch the three o'clock news. I took the radio outside for better reception. There was a great deal of static, and little else. For fifteen minutes I adjusted the antenna and fine tuning dial. As I think about it now, I'm lucky the police didn't see me. I can just imagine being hauled off to the station. The sergeant would call my parents and say, "We have your daughter here. She was arrested for obscene handling of a radio...."

Just when I was about to smash the radio, some students walked up to me. They had just come from the accident. A car with three people had hit a telephone pole. The transformer had been knocked out. The car was totaled. The details went on, but I will not. By the time this article is published--if indeed it ever is published--you, the reader, will probably know more about what happened than I do now.

At three-thirty a.m., on Friday the thirteenth, of October 1972, I walked into my dormitory room.

Fran rolled over in bed and asked, "Did ya find out what happened?"

"Yeah. The lights went out."

THE SINGING PSYCHOLOGY TEACHER



by YVONNE LA-GARDE

Ex-professor of psychology returns to Fitchburg, a hill-billy music star. Ken Raydre, better known as Ken Drey-mala to the students of F.S.C., will be at Stanley's in Shirley on Monday Oct. 23rd at 8:30 p.m.

What's a psychology professor doing playing a flattop guitar at Stanley's? A good question. When interviewed Ken had this to say.

"I had been wanting deep down in my heart to get back into my music, for a good long while. I wasn't at peace with myself lecturing in universities. It was sort of like suffocation. So I decided to resign from the academic world and devote all my time and energy to music."

So, after teaching two years with the F.S.C. psychology department Ken got together with Night Train which he claims is one of the finest country bands in this part of the country. It is an ensemble of eight professional musicians who try to present a new dimension in country music.

The country music that Ken and Night Train presents is real; it is about real people and real times. It pulsates with heart and emotion. This is their fifth New England appearance and it should prove to be a warm and refreshing evening. You are all personally invited to Night Train featuring Ken Raydre (Drey-mala).

TO ALL MY FORMER STUDENTS

Veteran's Day Country Show

NIGHT TRAIN

Featuring

Ken Raydre

Alias Drey-mala

former Professor of Psychology
at F.S.C.

plus Guest Artists

The Finest Country and Western Music
Fifth New England Appearance

Monday, October 23rd 8:30 P. M.

STANLEY'S Shirley, Mass.

No Cover Charge

Free Light Buffet



Helpful

Hanna

Have a problem you'd like some help with? Drop a line to Helpful Hanna in care of the "Cycle".

Dear Helpful Hanna,

What is wrong with the men on campus? Aren't they heterosexual? (I admit I'm not modest) but I don't consider myself a completely unattractive girl and yet I have never been asked out by a guy from the school. Oh sure, I've had a lot of shy glances but what good do they do me on a Friday night? I know there aren't many guys on campus but where do they disappear to on weekends? Hanna, I'm getting desperate, I'm not looking for a serious date but just someone to go out and have a good time with. What would you suggest?

"The Desperate Soul"

Dear Desperate:

Since women's liberation is the current thing, many guys are afraid to approach a girl. They don't know what the girl will think and they certainly don't want to start off on the wrong foot. It seems as though you'll have to make the first move. Return some of the shy glances and take what comes. Let them know right off that you're just out for a good time.

Dear Helpful Hanna

In the beginning of the semester, I met this swell girl. Here is my problem. Every time I see her, her body smells like dead fish. Could it be that she works in a fish market or is it a new Feminine Hygiene Deodorant Spray? Another problem is everytime we go parking she doesn't like me to pull out my balloons (refer to Huck as to what balloons are). Can you advise as to another tactic?

Sign me,
Odorless and Useless

Dear Odorless:

I think you and this girl should sit down and talk it all over. Who knows, she may have a good explanation for you. Once you overcome the first problem she may be grateful enough to let you pull out your balloons next time you go parking.

Dear Hanna:

What do you say to a twenty year old girl who loves Bach, Beethoven, and me in that order. What do you do after you lose her. Everytime I listen to Bach or Beethoven I cry. This can be really embarrassing. In my music class all the people laugh at me. As a music assignment for the course I had to write a concert review. I went to see a symphony concert and needless to say they played selections from Bach and Beethoven. I burst into tears. All the people at the concert patted me on the back, and the conductor came up and shook my hand saying "I am really pleased that my music moves you so." What should I do? Do you think I should throw away all of my classical records? Help!

Ryan O'Neal

Dear Ryan:

I think the main thing for you to do is find something to occupy your spare time. Don't listen to your records for a while; and if it will help you feel better, talk about it to someone (face to face). There is no better cure than to talk things over with someone.

"We're Going To Take You Away, Ha Ha, He He, Ho Ho!"

by MICHELLE MORIN

I have often been told that I should have been committed to Gardner State Hospital so they could have stunted the growth of my insanity. It has been said that "this is the only place for people like you!" This is not to imply that I am insane, or ever will be, it is merely an example of what people think of places that have been established to aid the mentally ill. At school when I had committed deeds that were "socially unacceptable", whether in jest or by accident, people were seriously beginning to consider committing me. It is for this reason that I began attending the weekly trips to Gardner State Hospital, to see if I would fit in.

It was surprising to see the number of students who were shocked by the realization that these people were as "normal" as they were. They had all experienced the misconception that the people there would be found in padded cells with locked doors, and would be sitting in corners waiting to be fed. Here we discovered that this was truly a grave misconception. All who attended were asked to give an opinion, and everyone enthusiastically agreed that they would be back the following week, for they had encountered delightful experiences with these people.

These experiences ranged from ecstatic and overwhelming joy, to a feeling of humanitarian goodness. As the weeks passed we found many patients anxiously waiting for us, and excited about our arrival.

Three years ago, the program, directed and lead by Dr. Alan Bernstein had its beginning, as a tour-type field trip for the students in his General Psychology class. The students were not finding this experience very rewarding, so a weekly volunteer program was instituted last year, with some of the students visiting the hospital one night a week with Dr. Bernstein. To

some of the patients, These students became their sole visitors.

Hopefully through word of mouth we have partially dispelled the myth that these people were "crazy". Some of the students even began to wonder about their own mental abilities - "if these people are 'crazy', then I really have got a problem!"

Soon we will be soliciting donations of gifts and money from the people and businesses in our local community, to aid us in making the program a big success. Next Monday, Oct. 31, we are planning to have a Halloween Party for the patients. This is our first big social even of the year, and we are all quite excited about it.

Although our turnout of students on Wednesdays and Mondays has increased considerably we welcome all newcomers. We have in the past averaged about 40 people per evening.

It would be nice to raise that number even more. This unbelievable amount has made the program even better, because it is now possible to have an even more personal contact with patients who would have otherwise felt left out because of the previous shortage of volunteers. This reporter hopes that she has instilled an atmosphere of concern, and that when our new, blue bus leaves the Behavioral Science Parking Lot next week, that there will be even more people on board. We ask no more of you than three hours of your time, is it really too much to give?

The bus leaves the Behavioral Science Parking Lot at 6:30 on alternating Mondays and Wednesday. We hope to see you there. Remember that you do not have to have a Psychology class, or even an interest in the subject, all that you really need is a true love for people and their happiness!

For further details you could contact Dr. Alan Bernstein in BS104 any time.

Lynn Ackler

interview by

JOHN GEORGE

(this interview took place on Oct, 11, -'72)

CYCLE: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

MR. ACKLER: I started out in Maine. Then I went to the University of Washington. From there I went to Temple University where I taught for five years. I then graduated from Lehigh University

and after that came up here to teach. CYCLE: What schools did you obtain your degrees from? MR. ACKLER: I got my Bachelors from Ohio State University. I also got my Masters there. My Bachelors was in Philosophy. Between the time of my Bachelors and Masters Degrees, I went to school to study music culture. After dropping out, I went to school to study Mathematics, and a year later I got my Master's degree.

CYCLE: How do you like teaching at Fitchburg State?

MR. ACKLER: It's nice. The kids are good. In one year you have a nodding acquaintance or most of the people look familiar. It's quite a change dealing with 3,000 students than 30,000 like I did teaching at Temple University.

CYCLE: How do you feel about student participation in the classroom?

MR. ACKLER: The students don't participate enough. No matter what happens they still won't participate. Enough! You can talk until you're blue in the face and they will accept anything you have to say. At Temple University the students were much more aggressive. There, you couldn't talk over their head for

five minutes or they would object immediately.

CYCLE: Dr. Browning said a cosmopolitan faculty would benefit Fitchburg State very much. He also felt that the campus did not have a stimulating atmosphere. How do you feel about this?

MR. ACKLER: The campus is not a stimulating one. How do you go about making it a stimulating one. It takes lots of money. You have to have speakers, art exhibits, different kinds of programs where big companies come in and give demonstrations, and henderous number of intellectuals. That's how you get a place stimulated. You can't bring in one good intellectual and expect it to change. For the second part of your question, I don't know how many non-white teachers are available. A friend of mine who is black got his Masters a year before I did. He named his price and could go where ever he wanted. There is a large demand for non-white teachers. Most of the larger universities are snapping them up. What this school needs is more non-white students. Get them in here and involved in projects. You'll then find the campus may become more stimulating. If Fitchburg State isn't recruiting non-white students from this area, they should.

CYCLE: Anything you would like to add? MR. ACKLER: Yes, students are going to be asked to be representative on certain committees. The committees will be on the departmental levels. For

instance, if you like a teacher and he gets fired there will be people on the committee to represent the students. With the students represented, you can prevent this, or have just the reverse situation. On the Curriculum Committee that decides the courses, the students will have a lot to offer. "They know what kind of courses they want." They have good ideas and know what they want to accomplish after four years here. They can let the committee know what courses should be added or dropped. I myself feel that the entire course structure should be changed. You don't learn psychology between 10 and 11, three days a week. You learn a little bit but not much. There's a lot more to it than just that. Every subject encompasses many aspects. As soon as you cut them into various categories, you lose something. You have to look at the problem as a whole. I think a type of course like this should be offered where you deal with one problem for a whole semester. Possibly a team of teachers working with 20 or 30 students in different fields. All of them dealing with the problem in its entirety.

We the members of the "Cycle" staff would like to thank Mr. Ackler for his cooperation in making this interview possible. ALL COMMENTS WELCOME. Write John George, c/o "Cycle". Leave your letter in the "Cycle" office or mailbox in the mailroom.





Isn't it nice that flies don't live in cooler weather? I really don't think that I could stand "studying" in the Commuter's cafeteria another week with those little bastards buzzing around. Maybe Cleaning Jac didn't do such a powerful-good cleaning job after all.

Flies may be really annoying but I have a bitch on the other extreme also. (Huck, what don't you have a bitch about?) If the Food and Drug Administration has banned the use of Shell "No-Pest Strips" in the vicinity of areas where food is being prepared, then why does "Katy's" have "No-Pest Strip" hanging in the corner?

It is one of the miracles of the age that President Nixon can send his Press Secretary out to talk to reporters with orders to answer all inquiries into the Watergate affair with a "no comment." What is even more of a miracle of the age is that public attention can continually be diverted from this debacle so that Nixon can remain aloof throughout the campaign without being held accountable! And people will still VOTE for him!! Who's crazy?

You may be wondering how Huck can fly (forgive the pun) into a paragraph on Nixon immediately after discussing the obnoxiousness (is that a word?) of flies. Can the two paragraphs be tied together simply by saying, "There are no flies on Nixon"?

While I'm discussing obnoxious creatures I might just as well try to discover the identity of the custodial person in charge of unlocking the set of doors leading out of the back of Thompson Hall, Sir, whoever you may be, why do you not open both sets of doors

every day? When I try to enter Thompson Hall and find the righthand door locked I get aggravated to no end. There are days when the entrance to the Behavioral Science Building is in a worse condition. All of those doors open out from the inside, but only one-half of one door opens from the outside! Isn't it fun, kids, fighting your way in against traffic?

New law going into effect soon: it will be illegal to keep a motor vehicle engine running while in the same spot for more than five minutes. One giant step for mankind...will it be enforced? This law will prevent truckies from enjoying a coffee break with the truck running outside. Too bad diesel engines are so hard to start. Too bad? They pollute.

Wouldn't repealing the anti-hitchhiking law be a benefit to the environment? Write a letter to Sarge requesting the abolition of the hitchhiking law and leave it in the "Cycle" office for "Huck" and I'll mail them all at once. (Both of 'em.)

The New York Times recently released a report stating, in effect, that the cost of going to college has increased over the past four years at a decreasing rate.

Question: should a newspaper reporter be made to identify his sources of information in a court of law? Read your daily newspapers for the answer! America?

Did the same people who moved Columbus Day to Oct. 9th change Fitchburg State's week to include two Mondays?

Polka Dotti and I will have to go home and figure this out.

Bye now,
HUCK

THE ALL-COLLEGE COUNCIL

A number of the standing committees of Fitchburg State's All-College Council are parallel to the standing committees of the Board of Trustees. These include:

Executive Committee

Educational Affairs Committee:

This committee is concerned with the following areas of college life:

- A. Admissions
- B. Academic Programs
- C. Academic Courses and staff
- D. Academic Evaluation
- E. Library Affairs

Long Range Planning:

This committee is concerned with research and planning in the following areas:

- A. Academic
- B. Facilities
- C. Personnel
- D. Finance

Finance Committee:

This committee is concerned with the following:

- A. Budget Planning (on an on-going basis)
- B. Expenditures
- C. Programmed budgeting

Special Committee:

- 1. Calendar Committee - optional 3-3-3, 5-1-2, 4-1-4
- 2. Goals and Objectives Committee

Relations and Communications:

This committee is concerned with the following:

- A. Internal Relations
 - 1. Student
 - 2. Faculty
 - 3. Administrative
- B. External Relations
 - 1. Legislation
 - 2. Public Affairs
- C. Communications

- 1. To coordinate the existing lines of communications and to establish those lines of communication which are necessary.
- 2. To keep the entire college community informed of the activities of the All-College Council.
- 3. To poll the concerns and views of the college community.

The All-College Council fulfilled many of the goals and objectives which it set for itself during the 1971-72 academic year, including the successful administrations of the Institutional Goal Inventory by the Council's Goals and Objectives Committee, which is referred to in the previous section. The accomplishments of the All-College Council were cited by the Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees at its February, 1972 meeting as fulfilling in an exemplary manner the principles of shared governance which the Board has expounded and expounded as essential components of the governance structures at each of the State Colleges.



Gentlemen...Strip???

by YVONNE LA-GARDE

I would like to congratulate the seven guys who ran around in their underwear on the evening of October the fourth. Why? Because it took a strip-down to finally unite F.S.C. Dozens upon dozens of girls poured out of the dorms and made their grand entrance on the courtyard common. Obviously, the boob-tube offered nothing quite as appealing as the naked chests and legs of seven lone Mohawk pledges. There were actually people, (or should I say peacocks) on campus at night. I suppose I should also offer my gratitude to those helpful Philos who serenaded us through the evening and the Mohawk brothers whose brotherly love and devotion brought us all together in an atmosphere of love and unity.

It is obvious that there are brothers and sisters among us who have great powers (perhaps the sun god smiled on them), for after all, the administration,

faculty, student government, etc. haven't often been quite as successful in attracting and drawing students out of their cement abodes. That's quite a feat when one considers not a single poster was posted announcing the event. So, why don't the fraternities and sororities put their magnetic powers to good use? I'm not suggesting that they make a weekly event of the masculine strip-show but that they attempt to meet with the other frats and sororities to organize some sort of outdoor all-college evening program during the good weather, perhaps co-ed football. Since there isn't much to do at night the turn out would probably be good and the cost would be minimal. Instead of dividing the school, why can't the fraternities and sororities support or run functions to help unify it. If seven semi-nude pledges can do it why can't fifty or so fully dressed F.S.C. males?

ABORTION

INFORMATION

PREGNANCY TEST AVAILABLE

An Abortion can be arranged
within 24 hours
You can return home
the same day you leave.

CALL COLLECT:

215 - 735-8100

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK A Non-Profit Organization 24 HOURS



DEADLINE October 27

THOSE OF YOU SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE "CYCLE" PLEASE TRY TO GET THEM IN BEFORE THE DEADLINE OR AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE. MOST OF THE ARTICLES AREN'T TYPED SO WE HAVE TO TYPE THEM OURSELVES BEFORE 5 O'CLOCK OF THE DEADLINE DAY. IF WE RECEIVE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, THE EDITOR HAS TO ANSWER THE LETTER AND BOTH HAVE TO BE TYPED BY OUR ONE TYPIST. IF YOU CAN'T GET MATERIAL IN UNTIL THE DEADLINE DATE, PLEASE TRY AND HAVE IT TYPED.

THANK YOU,
THE "CYCLE"

Estre Cinema

— FOR YOUR PLEASURE AND COMFORT —
FITCHBURG, MASS. Phone 342-5983

COLUMBIA PICTURES Presents

GEORGE C. SCOTT

THE NEW

CENTURIONS

DAILY 7 & 9

SUNDAY 6 & 8

EXCLUSIVE AREA
SHOWING

AMPLE PARKING
BEHIND CITY HALL

Look at McKay First Hand

HOW TO SURVIVE IN COLLEGE

FOR SALE

SPORTS

M.I.B. Football Playoffs

Falcons Win

CROSS COUNTRY WINS

1. Ken Paul (F) 21:56
2. Joe Rosardo (F) 22:50
3. Barry Fisher (F) 23:14
4. Tom Gustafson (F) 23:42
5. Brian Feeney (F) 23:54
6. K. Hankers (L) 24:28
7. M. Camerson (L)
8. B. Mangan (L)
9. John Moore (F)
- 10 B. Oliver (L)
- 11 J. Ferici (L)
- 12 W. Buckley (L)

CROSS COUNTRY SPLITS

The falson's record is now set at 2 wins and 3 losses.

SWIM WITH THE TEAM

Practice schedules and other meets with area colleges are currently being arranged. If you are interested in joining the swim team, please contact Nancy Morrissey Box 792.

F.S.C. OUTING CLUB

Do you have an interest in hiking, cross country skiing or mountain climbing? Come to the first meeting of the F.S.C. Outing Club on October 26 from 1-2 p.m. There will be an introductory slide show downstairs in the gym.